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Repairs Underway at Wolf Creek Dam for National Fishery

NASHVILLE, TENN. (February 14, 2006) - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Nashville

District will be conducting construction activities at Wolf Creek Dam from February 1 to March 15 to repair valves and a water supply line to Wolf Creek National Fish Hatchery.

The contractor RCI, Inc. of Lexington, Kentucky, will be performing the repairs. The work will be conducted in the tail water below the dam, in the pool above the dam and at the fish hatchery. Three valves on the face of the dam at different draw-off levels will be replaced along with their motorized actuators. Two larger valves inside the dam will also be replaced with three valves to control water to the Fish Hatchery.

In order to accomplish this work, temporary pumping must be installed to supply the fish in the hatchery with enough water with appropriate dissolved oxygen and temperature levels. Divers will be seen below the Dam in early February to install the suction lines for the temporary pumps. The three diesel pumps will deliver approximately 7,500 gallons-per-minute to the Fish Hatchery when they are in operation. Divers will also be seen in the lake near the face of the dam later in the project beginning around the week of Feb. 13. The traffic on the road crossing the dam will see a closure to one lane near the divers work station due to a mobile crane assisting the divers in placing valves, associated pipe and electrical equipment.

For more information concerning this matter, please contact Bill Peoples, Chief of Public Affairs, at the Nashville District Corps of Engineers office at 615-736-7161.

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